

Weekly Status & Information Report: February 6 - 10, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 13, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, February 13, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Recreation Committee, Monday, February 13, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. The French Connection: Madame Marie returns to the Library this Saturday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Come and hear songs and rhymes in French. Perfect for young children and families. No registration required. *(Library)*

3. The Banned Books Club: On Monday, February 13 at 6:30 p.m., the Junior Banned Books Club will meet to discuss "The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis. The Junior Banned Books Club is for children grades 3-5. Space is limited and registration is required. *(Library)*

4. Living Well Program for Seniors: Twenty two seniors registered for the "Living Well - Take Charge of Your Health" program, beginning this week on February 7 in the Takoma Park Community Center. Presented by Holy Cross Hospital and the Department of Aging, in partnership with the Takoma Park Recreation Department, this program is designed to help seniors with chronic health problems. The six-week program will take place in the Senior Room every Tuesday through March 13. *(Recreation)*

5. Kickball Program - Registration is Now Open: This program is a school yard classic! Everyone loves kickball because its fun, its fast, its easy and most of all its exciting. This program is all about playing the game. The program will focus on teamwork and sportsmanship. Get on the ball and get in on the fun, sign up today! Program will be held at Hodges Field (Behind Takoma Park Elementary) on Thursdays from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Program begins on March 22. Free! *(Recreation)*

6. Adult Softball League (COED) - Registration is Now Open: The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is a fun and exciting recreational program for competitive adults of all skill levels. Team registrations must contain 50% of Takoma Park residents to qualify for Resident team entry fee. Roster limit 25. The Recreation Department accepts team and individual registrations. All games are double headers and will be played on Sundays at Lee Jordan Field, Nolte Park and Hillandale Park. Team Fee: \$545 Individual Fee: \$55. For additional information please contact the Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*

7. Get Fit For Summer!: It is time to get in shape and be ready for the summer. Purchase a membership to the Fitness Room at Takoma Park Recreation Center. The Fitness Room can be considered a hidden gem. It has elliptical machines, stair-climbers, upright bikes, recumbent bikes, treadmills, dumbbells and more. If you are looking for the perfect workout to get ready for the summer, then the Takoma Park Recreation Center Fitness Room is the place for you. Get a membership now and get fit for summer. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

8. Teens and M.A.N.U.P Career Day: On Tuesday, February 7, during our weekly M.A.N.U.P session, we had several young business men and women come in and speak to the teens about securing their future in the business world. A wide variety of occupations were represented that evening including radio personalities, secret service agent, financial consultant, and many more. The M.A.N.U.P session usually ends at 8:00 p.m. but due to the amount of presenters and all the questions that were asked by the teens, the session ended at 9pm. The teens enjoyed it and stayed after to ask questions and get contact info from the presenters. *(Recreation)*

9. Teens Snow Tubing and Ski Club: On Saturday, February 11, we will be taking the teens to Liberty Mountain Ski Resort for an afternoon of Snow Tubing. They will be able to spend two hours going down a private mountain with fifteen expertly carved lanes. On the same day our Ski and Snowboard Club will be also attending Liberty Mountain Resort for the "Night Club" ski. Our teens, who are members of the "Night Club", will have a chance to ski on several slopes until 10:00 p.m. *(Recreation)*

10. Play Day at the Takoma Park Community Center: On Thursday, 2.09.12, the city of Takoma Parks zip code, the Takoma Park Recreation Department supported the Winter Play Day and the goal of promoting play in our community. Department Director, Gregory Clark, spoke about the importance of recreation and play for all ages. Residents and friends of play were able to pick up information for spring and summer Recreation Department camps. *(Recreation)*

11. New Ave Streetscape Standards Meeting - February 15: Your input will be needed to help designers developing Streetscape Standards for the New Ave that will build identity into New Hampshire Avenue and our community's front door. Have a first look at conceptual schematics and share your thoughts on streetscape elements including landscape materials, street furniture, bike racks, site lighting and planting options. The project consultants will be giving a presentation at the next public meeting on February 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park. *(Housing and*

Community Development)

12. **Third Thursday "Summer Becomes Absurd" - February 16:** This month's poetry reading presents a unique opportunity to hear the work of local poet, Brendan Ogg, learn about his influences, and enjoy readings and stories from his friends Michael Dirda, Francie Hester, Kathleen Henderson Staudt and others. Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Auditorium (7500 Maple Avenue). Details available at <http://www.facebook.com/events/364995640184571/> *(Housing and Community Development)*

13. **CEZOA Winter Meeting:** Code Enforcement staff hosted the winter meeting of the Maryland Code Enforcement and Zoning Officials Association, an affiliate of the Maryland Municipal League, today. Following remarks by the City Manager and Councilmember Schultz, the 55 members in attendance learned about compulsive hoarding. Dr. Elspeth Bell, Ph.D., a member of the Montgomery County Hoarding Task Force, presented. Code Enforcement Supervisor Marjorie Ciccone served on the task force with Dr. Bell and played an important role in the development of their report on hoarding behavior, presented to the County Council last spring. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. **We are Takoma Screening:** "We are Takoma" has expanded its programming this year, offering periodic film screenings in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. The new program kicked off last night with a successful screening of "We are Egypt," a documentary about the events leading up to the 2011 Egyptian revolution with over 50 people in attendance. The screening was followed by a question and answer session with the film maker, Lillie Paquette. If you are a filmmaker or know one and would be interested in including your work in the series, please contact Sara Daines at SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

15. **Mission Serve Housing Project - Applications:** The City of Takoma Park is collaborating with Mission Serve, a non-profit organization, to rehabilitate 20 to 25 owner-occupied homes this summer. Projects will be developed in partnership with the homeowner and could range from roof repairs and accessibility improvements to painting and the removal of overgrowth and debris. The work is done by volunteers under the supervision of qualified construction staff at no cost to the homeowner. Participation in the program is limited to income eligible households. To learn more about the program, please contact the Housing and Community Development Department at 301-891-7119. *(Housing and Community Development)*

16. **Officers Training:** On February 8, 2012, Pvt. Marable attended training entitled Street Narcotic Investigation for Road Patrol held at the Maryland State Police, Training Division, Public Safety Education and Training Center in Sykesville. *(Police)*

17. **Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On February 6, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye participated in a telephone interview with the Gazette newspaper in reference to Neighborhood Watch and participated in a TV interview for CityTV in reference to Internet Dating Safety. She also met with citizens in reference to a Neighborhood Watch on Bikes group.
- On February 8, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye met with Lucy Neher (Safe Routes to School) to finalize dates and review plans for upcoming community events. She conducted meetings to discuss common issues we encounter with juveniles in Takoma Park, how we can improve on addressing these issues and what programs are available to these juveniles. Attendees at that meeting were the site manager from the Crossroads Youth Outreach Center, Director of the Youth Restorative Justice Initiative, Director of the Takoma Park Recreation Department, Supervisor of the New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center, Takoma Park Police Department Victim Services Coordinator, Takoma Park Criminal Investigations Division personnel and the Takoma Park Police Department's Crime Analyst. *(Police)*

18. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (February 3-9, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_09.html. *(Police)*

19. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 143 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, five vehicle impounds, two warrant service arrests from traffic, two Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrests from traffic and three Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests from traffic.

During February 2-9, 2012, the following details were completed:

February 2, 2012

- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 900 block of East West Highway (failure to stop for school bus) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.

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- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Holton Lane at New Hampshire Avenue (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued five State citations and one arrest was made.

February 6, 2012

- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 900 block of East West Highway (passing school bus) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and two warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.
- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.

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- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued four State citations for speed and six other State citations.

February 9, 2012

- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and six warnings.
 - Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- (Police)

20. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week of February 3-9, 2012

State Citations issued: 83

City: 5

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 7

Warnings: 3

Warrant Service: 1

Driving Under the Influence Arrest: 1

Court: 5 hours

(Police)